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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJ: REPORTS OF NEW UNREST IN POLAND

1. AT A MEETING OF SECOND SECRETARIES OF WESTERN EMBASSIES HELD  
DECEMBER 20 IN WARSAW, THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.

(A) A MEMORIAL WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE RECENTLY IN  
GDANSK IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE DECEMBER, 1970, FOOD  
RIOTS THAT BROUGHT GIEREK TO POWER. FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE ATTENDED.  
ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE POLICE DISPERSED THE CROWD AFTER  
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TEN MINUTES AND DEPOSITED THE WREATH IN A CEMETERY.

(B) SKETCHY REPORTS INDICATE THAT, OVER THE PAST THREE DAYS, WORK  
DISRUPTIONS, SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN SILESIA IN  
SEPTEMBER, OCCURRED IN A PORT CITY, EITHER SZCZECIN OR GDANSK.  
APPARENTLY DOCKERS REFUSED TO WORK UNTIL DELIVERIES OF MEAT FOR  
THE HOLIDAYS WERE ASSURED.

(C) YOUNG PEOPLE, PRESUMABLY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS ENDORSING PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN-RIGHTS STANCE IN WARSAW'S MAIN SHOPPING DISTRICT LAST SUNDAY. THE LEAFLETS WERE CONFISCATED AND THEIR DISTRIBUTORS ROUNDED UP BY THE POLICE AFTER TEN MINUTES OF THIS ACTIVITY. THE POLICE REPORTEDLY HAD A CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT TIME IN REMOVING LEAFLETS WHICH HAD BEEN GLUED TO STORE WINDOWS.

2. COMMENT: THE UK EMBASSY OFFICER CONVEYED THE FIRST TWO REPORTS TO THE MEETING. HIS SOURCE, THOUGH UNNAMED, PRESUMABLY IS THE REUTERS CORRESPONDENT RESIDENT IN WARSAW. THE THIRD REPORT CAME FROM THE FRG EMBASSY OFFICER, WHO SAID AN EMBASSY COLLEAGUE HAD OBSERVED THE EVENT. WE HAVE NOT SEEN A COPY OF THE LEAFLET. END COMMENT.

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